



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

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Agenda Item No. 5B (A)

Agenda Item: Fisheries Management Plan (Action)

Bureau Chief Approval: LH

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Background:

The six-year Fisheries Management Plan 2025-2030 describes the programmatic structure and function of the fisheries bureau and identifies how the agency meets the broad goals of preserving, protecting and perpetuating Idaho's native fish species and improving fisheries for the benefit of Idaho's anglers. The plan establishes policy direction for Department personnel and resources that maintains focus on priorities identified by Idaho anglers and other stakeholders.

The plan is organized in two parts. Part I of the Fisheries Management Plan describes statewide programs including objectives and strategies for fisheries programs and serves as the guiding document for fisheries for the 2025-2030 period. Part II of the Fisheries Management Plan describes management by major river drainage and includes descriptions of major fisheries, focal species, conservation challenges, management priorities and specific objectives using benchmarks such as fish size or catch rates.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code Sections 36-104 and 36-901 & Idaho Administrative Code 13.01.11.000

Public Involvement Process:

The draft Fisheries Management Plan 2025-2030 was posted on the Department website for public review and comment for 22 days from August 5 to 26, 2024. The Department received 160 comments from 63 unique individuals or partners through the online webform, email, phone call, in-person conversations, and letters. Staff will provide a more in-depth review and summary of public input at the meeting. Staff reviewed and considered all comments received. This input was used to make improvements to the draft plan and a revised plan has been prepared for Commission review and consideration for adoption.

Justification:

Long-term management strategies, vetted by the public, are necessary for effective conservation and management of fisheries resources for the citizens of Idaho.



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Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend the Commission adopt the Fisheries Management Plan 2025-2030.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Commission adopt the Fisheries Management Plan 2025-2030.